

## SNOODLES' DIARY—HIS DRAWING WAS GOOD, BUT THE PAPER WAS BETTER.



## HASBEENS IN BETTER FORM

Present Year Takes Record for the Number of Comebacks Among the Old Ball-players—Many Men Return to the Majors From the Minors

(BY MONTY.)

New York, July 19.—The present year is one of the greatest in history for the genus comeback. Players regarded one year ago as hasbeens of the deepest quality have been dragged back in numbers to the big show from either retirement or the bushes, to bloom forth once again as capable major leaguers.

Probably the top of the comeback list should be assigned to Fred Falkenberg, otherwise known as Long Cy, who has pitched Cleveland back onto the map, showing even more surprising form than his team mate, Dean Gregg. He is the proud possessor of ten straight victories among other things and has become the popular favorite of Nap fans. When Falky was sent away to Toledo a little over a year ago he was figured a dismal failure.

Jack Knight, who has been with the Yankees now a little over a week, going back to his former love in trade with Jersey City for Baker Borton, has proved a tremendous improvement over the latter at first base. George McQuillen, who made his debut at the same time with the Pirates, won his first game and appears like the same old George he was when starting with the Phillies three years ago. His time spent with the Columbus American Association team seems to have made him a better behaved McQuillen, which accounts for the principal difference in his effectiveness.

Another pitcher who has proved a winner after time spent in the minors is Dick Rudolph of the Boston Braves. Stallings made a wise move when he took the one-time Giant from the Buffalo club of the International league. Mordecai Brown, that great old grizzled veteran, has begun to show some of the prowess of his Cub days after his sojourn in Louisville. His knee bothers him somewhat, but the strong right arm with its three fingers is the same. Joe Tinker says that Brownie will be a success with the Reds for at least two more years.

Only one of the pitching comebacks of the year has proved a disappointment. He is Orval Overall, and John Evers attributes his poor work thus far to an attempt to get into condition too rapidly after his long lay-off from all phases of the game. Outside of the pitching staffs there have been other comeback failures. One is Claude Derrick, who had to be sent back to Baltimore by Frank Chance after proving far below expectations in every way. McKechnie, another Yankee, also has failed to meet his requirements.

The Nationals of Boston have a pair of outfield comebacks besides possessing Pitcher Rudolph. Briscoe Lord and Cy Seymour are the boys and both have performed well enough to stick around. Charlie O'Leary, who has been playing a good shortstop for the Cardinals, is another former big leaguer whose bettering of the goods in the minors compelled the majors to give him another chance. His work with Providence was so conspicuous last year that when Huggins found himself up against it with Arnold Hauser injured, O'Leary was the first man he thought of. The old-timer has been doing practically as well in fielding as he did when a member of the champion Tigers of five years ago. Harold Janviri is one more infielder who has done well, playing in utility roles for the Red Sox.

Catcher Johnny Kling, who is with the Reds now, has shown far better than most persons had expected. Including Jonathan, there are enough comebacks in the two major circuits to form a fair looking team. For pitchers there could be Rudolph, Overall, Brown, Falkenberg and McQuillen. Jack Knight could play first base, McKechnie second, O'Leary shortstop and Janviri third. Kling could be catcher. And in the outfield there could be Lord, Seymour and one of the pitchers who did not happen to be performing at the time. Of course such a team could not beat the Athletics, but it would be a complete team nevertheless, which is the main point to be shown.

Word from the minors indicates that at least two more former big leaguers are to be moved back up. Harry Street, the once great Gabe, has been catching for Chattanooga in the way he did when the stellar member of the Washington backstop. The fifth will give him a trial again. Morgan, erstwhile pitching star of the Athletics, is performing in top form for the Kansas City American association club and several big

## BALDWIN WILL MEET LEACH CROSS

Los Angeles, July 19.—Matty Baldwin, of Boston, the veteran of the lightweight division, who, though he has fought all of the tough men of his class and has never been decisively beaten, never succeeded in getting real close to the championship throne is hard at work here training for his coming bout with Leach Cross, the classy New York scrapper. The scrap will be staged at the Vernon arena on July 29.

Baldwin has a newspaper decision over Cross and is confident of his ability to take the Fighting Dentist's measure over the long route. Should Matty score a victory over Cross he will be in a position to challenge Champion Willie Ritchie. Baldwin, by the way, holds a twenty-round decision over Ritchie, whom he defeated in August, 1911, in Ritchie's first 20-round bout.

## DONAHUE AND HIRSCH.

Chicago, July 19.—Harry Donahue, the fast lightweight of Pekin, Ill., who recently completed a most successful invasion of the east, will leave here tomorrow for Ottawa, Canada, where he is scheduled to box Special Delivery Hirsch of this city, next Thursday night. Hirsch has been going at top speed of late and should compel Donahue to extend himself to the limit in order to win.

## DENNY TRAINS HARD.

New Orleans, July 19.—Young Denny, one of the best lightweights developed in this city in some time, is training hard for the match that will probably decide his pugilistic future. He is scheduled to meet "Wildcat" Ferns of Kansas City in a twenty-round bout on August 3, before the West Side A. C. of New Orleans. If Denny succeeds in disposing of Ferns he will be given a match with Jack Britton, who is now considered the class in the south.

## THE NEW CURATE.

The Lady—What's the new curate like, John?  
John—The queerest figure of a little man you ever saw. They tell me as 'ow the only wearin' apparel 'e can buy ready made is his umbrella.—Sphere.

## TRANSPLANTED VETERAN WORKING AT TOP FORM



Leon ("Red") Ames, the veteran hurler who has been pitching great ball since he was shunted to Cincinnati by Manager John J. McGraw in

handed a very juicy lemon by Manager Joe Tinker, of the Reds, in that deal. It is true that during the early part of the present season Ames, who was the dean of the Giants' pitching corps in point of service, twirled an article of ball that was decidedly a bush league, but since the fiery thatched pitcher joined Joe Tinker's "Home for the Aged," as the Cincinnati's are now called by the younger players in the National league, he had been one of the most effective twirlers in the Cincinnati stable. Ames at the present time is puzzling the heaviest butters in the big show. He is a marvel in warm weather. Hence, Manager Tinker's fervent prayers for continued equatorial humidity.

Two other valuable men in the Cincinnati lineup that Manager McGraw let go in the trade for Fromme are Josh Devore and Heinie Groh. This pair of speedy midgelets are playing the games of their lives for the Reds. Groh is really a sensation at second base. With the Bralny Tinker working along side of him, Groh is rapidly developing into the classiest fielding second sacker in the National league. He covers a vast territory of ground and his brain is even quicker than his legs. Tinker and Groh figure in double plays with the regularity that made famous the Tinker to Evers to Chance combination of a few years back.

As lead-off man for the Reds' batting order, Devore is more than making good. A good waiter, he compels the opposing twirlers to groove the ball or give him a free pass to first. And when they decide to shoot it across the pan little Josh is not at all backward about cracking out a neat Texas leaguer.

## BASEBALL

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sacrifice, saved the White Sox from a shut-out. Russell, the star of the home twirlers, was pitted against Bender, and the visitors bunched hits in two innings, and won easily.

President Comiskey said after the game he was perfectly satisfied with the showing of his new player. He said that Chappelle showed he could hit the ball hard when he drove out two long flies, one to left and the other to center. His other two times up he struck out. He had but two chances in the field, and on one he made a pretty catch, and on the other, a grounder, his quick throw to

Weaver caught a Philadelphiaan at third.

## Cardinals Defeat Giants.

New York, July 18.—New York again broke even in the double-header with St. Louis today. The visitors won the first, a loosely played affair 4 to 3, while the locals took the second easily 5 to 0. After New York had handed the first game to St. Louis on errors, the visitors tried to hand it back on passes. A fumble by Doyle let in two St. Louis runs in the second, while errors by Doyle, Merkle and Meyers with Mowrey's single enabled the visitors to score two more runs in the seventh. In the eighth inning, Geyer filled the bases with passes. Perritt replaced Geyer and walked Shaffer, forcing Snodgrass in with a run. Sallee took Perritt's place and Fletcher singled, scoring Cooper who ran for McCormick. Evans' good throw, however, nipped Burns at the plate, cutting off the tying run.

In the second game Mathewson held the visitors to five scattered hits, four of them being infield bouncers, and only two men reached third. The Giants pounded Perritt freely.

St. Louis 4 6 2  
New York 3 4 5  
Batteries—Geyer, Sallee, Perritt and Wingo; Tesreau, Crandall and Meyers, Wilson.

## Naps Drop Game.

Cleveland, July 18.—Costly errors enabled New York to win from Cleveland 5 to 2 today. Gregg was ineffective, while Cleveland was unable to do much with Ford's pitching. Jackson made three errors, two of which were responsible for two New York runs. New York made four double plays which checked Cleveland rallies. Peckinpaugh's hitting and fielding largely were responsible for New York's victory.

New York made two runs in the third on a pass to Cree, Peckinpaugh's triple and Hartzell's single. Singles by Peckinpaugh, Hartzell and Gossett brought in another in the fifth. Ford's single, two errors by Jackson and one by Gregg produced the fourth run in the sixth, while a pass to Gossett, singles by Daniels and Wolter and Jackson's error scored the fifth run for the visitors in the eighth. Grane's safe bunt, a pass to Carisch, Gregg's single and Leibold's single, scored two for Cleveland in the third.

## Pirates Beat Dodgers.

Brooklyn, July 18.—Brooklyn's

pitchers were wild and ineffective today and Pittsburgh walked away with a 12 to 1 victory. Curtis started off fairly well but was pounded for three singles and two triples in the fourth and retired. Three pitchers figures in the fifth, Wagner and Hall giving seven bases on balls, which with three hits and an error sent seven runs across the plate. Thirteen Pittsburgh batters went to the plate in this inning, Kent striking out the last man and finishing the game in good style.

It was a great day for "Babe" Adams, who held the Brooklyn down to five hits and made four of the Pittsburgh's twelve. Brooklyn would have been shut out but for Wilson's fumble of Wheat's hit, which allowed Meyer to score after he had walked with two men out in the fourth. Klem umpired the game along the line, Orth reporting sick.

Pittsburgh 12 2  
Brooklyn 1 5 2  
Batteries—Adams and Simon, Curtis, Wagner, Hall, Kent and Fischer.

## YANKEES WIN AT LAWN TENNIS

Wimbledon, July 19.—The United States Davis cup lawn tennis team today fought its way through the final round of the preliminary tournament and by adding a victory over the Canadian team in the doubles to the two singles matches won yesterday gained the right to challenge the English holders for possession of the international trophy.

Harold H. Hackett of New York, and Maurice E. McLoughlin of San Francisco, represented the United States in today's match and by brilliant team work scored in three straight sets, 6-3, 6-3, 12-10, from R. B. Powell, the Canadian captain and B. P. Schwengers, the Canadian singles champion.

The matches in the challenge round are to be played, according to present arrangements, at Wimbledon on July 25, 26 and 28.

The United States will be represented by McLoughlin and Hackett, R. Norris Williams and Wallace F. Johnston. The English defenders are C. P. Dixon, J. C. Parke, A. W. Gore and H. Roper Barrett.

"Alice is telling her girl friends she could have got Jack—if she'd only said 'Yes'."

"That's what Jack thought, so he never gave her the chance to say it."

—Boston Transcript.

## CHAMPION WILLIE RITCHIE AND TWO POSES OF MAN WHO MAY TOPPLE HIM FROM HIS THRONE



(Willie Ritchie, Lightweight Champion of the World, at Left and Leach Cross, His Most Dangerous Rival at Right).

Los Angeles, July 19.—Fight experts throughout the country appear to be unanimously agreed that the next man Willie Ritchie, lightweight champion of the world, should fight is Leach Cross, the hard-hitting young dentist from New York.

Immediately after scoring his easy win over Bud Anderson, Cross challenged Ritchie to name his own terms for a bout for the championship.

Ritchie undoubtedly appreciates the fact that in Cross he will meet a tartar, for he has taken his own time about replying to the defy of the New York Yiddish boy.

According to reports from Ritchie's camp he is undecided whether he will take a trip to Europe, mixing pleasure with business by picking up a little soft change on the other side in a few short bouts with some of the best third raters produced by England and France, or remain in the United

States, accept an offer for a short engagement in vaudeville at a high figure and then make arrangements for a bout with either Cross or Freddie Welsh, lightweight champion of England who is also on his heels.

At this stage of the lightweight muddle it may prove interesting to delve into the files for a little dope on Cross, who may be the next champion. Way back in 1906 after he had been practicing dentistry a short while he concluded that he could make more money by extracting teeth with his fists in place of the shining and more conventional forceps. He experimented with his plan for a long time beginning at the very bottom by participating in preliminary fights in the smaller clubs around New York. It did not take Leaches long to discover that box fighting was a business. He dropped his dental practice entirely and devoted all of his time to the prize ring, meeting all comers and fighting twice a week at times. Two years after his pugilistic debut, he had whipped all of the good boys

in New York. Cross got ambitious and signed up for a six round bout with Packey McFarland. Oh, how that Irish boy could fight! Whenever Leaches did not feel the thud of McFarland's gloves at the rate of three to a second he got lonesome. "Cross evidently admired McFarland as a boxing instructor, for the following year, 1909, after he had been severely drubbed by Jim Driscoll, the marvelous little Englishman who made made a monkey of Abe Attell, fought and received another trimming at the hands of Packey. This bout went the scheduled ten rounds. In June of the same year Cross was knocked out by Fighting Dick Hyland at Colma, Cal. Cross then quit the game for a while. He reopened his dental parlors, married and took a thorough rest. Late in 1911 Cross again donned the padded mitts and began slashing his way through the best of the Eastern lightweights.